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1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF REPORT

Nonpartisan Austrian Committee for a Peaceful
Solution of European Problems
Ivorable Communist-Front Organization
Vienna, Austria

2. DATE SUBMITTED

24 February 1953

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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4. REPORT OF FACTS

On 16 February 1953, Rudolf Richter, official of the Austrian
State Police in Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria, reported to these
agents that he had information from the Austrian Ministry of Interior
concerning a new political organization in Vienna, Austria. Richter
stated that following the ban of the Communist-front organization,
Austrian Initiative Committee for a Peaceful Solution of the German
Problem (Oesterreichische Initiativekomitee fuer eine friedliche Loesung
der Deutschlandfrage), in the fall of 1952 by the Austrian Ministry of
Interior, this organization was reorganized under the name, Nonpartisan
Austrian Committee for a Peaceful Solution of European Problems
(Unparteiliches Oesterreichische Komitee fuer eine friedliche Loesung
der Europäischen Streitfragen). The purpose of the organization is to
find a peaceful solution of all European problems. On 4 December 1952,
a charter meeting was held at the headquarters of the organization,
Gohbartsgasse 6, Vienna XII, and the following officers were elected:

Chairman:

Dr. Robert Seitzgott, residing at Kirchstettner-
gasse 50, Vienna XVI, Austria is a member of the
Austrian Communist Party (Kommunistische Partei
Oesterreichs - KPÖ).

Deputy Chairman:

Wilhelm Steiner, born 1 March 1896 in Vienna,
residing at Barcholdsdorf, Follgasse 1, Vienna
XV, Austria, is president of the Austrian Federal
Association of former Concentration Camp Inmates
and political prisoners (Oesterreichischer
Bundesverband ehemaliger KZler und Politisch
Verfolgter), a Communist-front organization.

Secretary:

Richard Walter, born 25 December 1899 in Vienna,
residing at Gohbartsgasse 6, Vienna XII, Austria,
is general secretary of the Democratic Union
(Demokratische Union - DU), a Communist-affiliated
organization.

Member:

Dr. Erwin Kabisch, born 25 December 1893, residing
at Grotz von Neustadlerstrasse 6, Graz, Land
Styria, Austria, former lawyer, currently unemployed,
was a member of the Nazi Party, SS, and German
Security Police during World War II. After the war,
he was a member of the Austrian People's Party
(Oesterreichische Volkspartei - OVP), and at the
present time, is a member of the KPÖ and the Austrian
People's Council, a Communist-front organization.

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Members of the
Board:

Dr. Bruno Frei, residing at Stubenring 14,
Vienna I, publisher of the Communist newspaper,
Der Arbeiter.

Kurt Mauer, residing at Grandgasse 5, Vienna II,
secretary of the Association of Christian Democrats,
Communist-front organization.

Rudolf Hübner, residing at Boecklinstrasse 12,
Vienna II, former Austrian general, and Communist
sympathizer.

Emil Duplitzer, born 12 April 1917 in Istanbul,
Turkey, Austrian citizen, residing at Korbstei-
ngasse 47, Geras, East Styria, Austria. During
World War II, Duplitzer was a member of the
German security police at the German Embassy in
Ankara, Turkey. He is a member of the KPÖ and
a close friend of Dr. Professor Josef Dornschuberger,
federal chairman of the People's Opposition (Volks-
opposition - VO), a left-wing coalition in Austria,
and Dr. Adolf Slavik, chairman of the National
League (National Liga - NL), a Communist-affiliated
organization. Duplitzer owns an import-export
business in Geras.

Dr. Johannes Kaufmann, born 24 December 1895 in
Vienna, residing at Mariahilfergasse 39,
Vienna IV, physician. After World War II,
Kaufmann was a member of the Austrian Socialist
Party (Socialistische Partei Österreichs - SPÖ),
and is now a member of the Socialist Worker's Party
Socialistische Arbeiterpartei - SAP), a Communist-
front organization, and chairman of the Austrian
Peace Council in Vienna IV.

Emil Ritter, residing at Mochergasse 25, Geras.

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AGENT'S NOTES: 1. On 18 February 1953, the files of this Sub-Detachment were examined by these Agents, and were found to contain the following information concerning personalities and organizations mentioned in this report:

The Austrian Initiative Committee for a Peaceful Solution of the German Problem is listed as a Communist-front organization, but the files contained no information concerning the Nonpartisan Austrian Committee for a Peaceful Solution of European Problems. *Dr. Bruno Frei* is listed as the pen name of *Dr. Arnold Weisskopf*, born 11 June 1897 in Bratislava, CSR, a member of the Austrian Peace Council. All the other organizations and personalities mentioned in this report are listed as being connected with the Austrian Communist Party, with the exception of Gubach, Duplitzer, Kaufmann, and Sitter, who are not listed in the files.

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